



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 944***

LCO No. 3441



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
(ET)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO ALLOW FOR  
MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this  
2       section, "municipal aggregation unit" means a municipality that serves  
3       as an electric aggregator for the purpose of negotiating the purchase of  
4       electric generation services from an electric supplier for all residential  
5       electric customers within the legal boundaries of such municipality. A  
6       municipal aggregation unit does not include a municipality served by  
7       a municipal electric utility that declined to participate in the  
8       competitive electric generation market prior to January 1, 2013.
- 9       (b) There shall be established a municipal electric aggregation pilot  
10      program. A municipality with a population of more than one hundred  
11      forty thousand that, on or before January 1, 2013, established an energy  
12      improvement district, as described in sections 32-80a to 32-80c,  
13      inclusive, of the general statutes, encompassing the entire  
14      municipality, may participate in said program by adopting an  
15      ordinance to form a municipal aggregation unit. On or before January

16 1, 2014, such municipality shall file such ordinance with the Public  
17 Utilities Regulatory Authority. The authority may establish additional  
18 filing deadlines as it deems appropriate.

19 (c) The pilot program shall allow residential customers who have  
20 not contracted with an electric supplier to opt-out of the electric service  
21 offered by the municipal aggregation unit. Residential customers who  
22 have contracted with an electric supplier may opt-in to the pilot  
23 program notwithstanding any contract obligations with such supplier.

24 (d) Not later than October 1, 2013, the Public Utilities Regulatory  
25 Authority shall initiate a proceeding to develop a set of pilot program  
26 requirements which shall include, but not be limited to, the manner by  
27 which residential electric customers are provided (1) notice of the  
28 initiation of a pilot program, (2) information regarding rates and  
29 environmental characteristics, (3) information regarding contract terms  
30 and conditions, and (4) notice regarding a customer's right to cancel  
31 service. Such customers shall be given not less than sixty days' notice  
32 prior to the initiation of the pilot program.

33 (e) The municipal aggregation unit shall issue a request for  
34 proposals to licensed electric suppliers for the provision of electric  
35 generation service and select a bidder after providing a written  
36 analysis that the economic benefits will be equal to or exceed the  
37 current or projected economic benefits of receiving electric generation  
38 services through standard service. Each municipal aggregation unit  
39 shall retain the services of a firm having expertise in electric  
40 aggregation and energy procurement to provide assistance with its  
41 participation in the pilot program, including, but not limited to, the  
42 development of its request for proposals. The municipal aggregation  
43 unit shall not be subject to the provisions of section 16-245s of the  
44 general statutes.

45 (f) Not later than July 1, 2015, the Public Utilities Regulatory  
46 Authority, in consultation with the Office of Consumer Counsel, shall

47 submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, a  
48 report regarding the performance of the municipal electric aggregation  
49 pilot program to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
50 having cognizance of matters relating to energy. The report shall also  
51 include findings and recommendations regarding whether or not the  
52 time period for the pilot program should be extended, and whether or  
53 not the pilot program should be expanded state-wide.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish a municipal electric aggregation pilot program that will operate as a customer opt-out of electric service program.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*